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## PATENT APPLICATION A

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Anticipated Classification of this application:

Class 435 Subclass 287.2

Prior application:

Examiner: Bradley L. SissonArt Unit: 1655"Express Mail" label no.: EL727589695USDate of Deposit: July 6, 2001

I hereby certify that this is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

By Elizabeth MillerTyped Name: Elizabeth Miller

**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a  
 continuation application of:  
 divisional application of:

Pending Prior ApplicationApplication Serial No. 09/343,372 filed June 30, 1999.Title APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONDUCTING CHEMICAL OR BIOCHEMICAL REACTIONS ON A  
SOLID SURFACE WITHIN AN ENCLOSED CHAMBERName of applicant(s) Carol T. Schembri, Leslie B. Overman, Charles Z. HotzCopy of Application

- Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.  
 Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings.

Oath or Declaration

- Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).  
 Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

- Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
 The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 filed \_\_\_\_\_  
 A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy  
 of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

Relate Back - 35 USC 120

- Amend the specification after the title by inserting the following heading:

--Cross Reference To Related Application(s)--;

and add the paragraph:

--This is a  continuation  divisionalof copending application serial number 09/343,372 filed on June 30, 1999.

Inventorship Statement

- Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

Appointment of Associate Attorney

- Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent \_\_\_\_\_

Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_

authorization is hereby granted by signature below of the Attorney or Agent of record

the Associate Attorney or Agent shall not have the authority to appoint other Attorneys or Agents

Communications

- Address all future communications to: Direct telephone calls to:

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Other Amendments

- Before calculating the filing fee, amend the prior application as follows:

Cancel the following claims 1-50, 69 and 70 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).

- Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

Fee Calculation

- The filing fee is calculated below for  Utility  Design

CLAIMS AS FILED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY				
(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) TOTALS
TOTAL CLAIMS	18 — 20	0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2 — 3	0	X \$80	\$ 0
ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS	0		\$270	\$ 0
BASIC FEE: Design ( \$320.00 ); Utility ( \$710.00 )				\$ 710
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$ 710
TOTAL CHARGES TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT				\$ 710

Charge \$ 710 to Deposit Account 50-1078. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 50-1078 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 50-1078 under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, 1.19, 1.20 and 1.21. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol T. Schembri et al.

By

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